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1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL MADE KNOWN TO SIAGURU, SECRETARY, DFAT, WHO EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST, BOTH OFFICIALLY AND PERSONALLY. HE STRONGLY APPLAUDED NEW POLICY AND ASKED ME TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

2. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PART RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATED TO NEIGHBORING ASEAN COUNTRIES (WHICH TURNED OUT TO MEAN INDONESIA). THIS IS FOURTH OR FIFTH TIME SINCE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE THAT DFAT OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN RELATION TO US MILITARY SALES POLICY
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WITH US, AND EACH TIME IT HAS DEVELOPED THAT THIS INTEREST IS RELATED TO INDONESIA.

3. WE HAVE REACHED CONCLUSION THAT THESE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS STATUS OF IRIANESE. FIRST ASST SEC OF DFAT, SABUMEI, FELL INTO DISCUSSION WITH ME AT PARTY MAY 20 ABOUT INDONESIAN TREATMENT OF

WEST IRIANESE. SABUMEI SAID DFAT BELIEVES THAT
INDONESIAN TRANSMIGRATION POLICY IS BRINGING LARGE
NUMBERS OF JAVANESE INTO IRIAN JAYA AND WITH RESULT THAT
IRIANESE ARE BEING FORCED FURTHER AND FURTHER BACK INTO
MOUNTAINS. "WHAT WE HEAR IS NOT GOOD, NOT GOOD AT ALL",
SABUMEI SAID. WE SUSPECT THAT PNG CONCERN OVER HUMAN
RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH US MILITARY SALES POLICY MAY
COME FROM BELIEF THAT US MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS POSSIBLY
BEING USED TO CONTROL IRIANESE WHO, AS MELANESIANS, ARE
ETHNICALLY RELATED TO PAPUA NEW GUINEANS.

4. GPNG FEELS STRONG SENSE OF INFERIORITY IN DEALING WITH
INDONESIANS, AND IS PROBABLY VERY RELUCTANT TO PROTEST
EITHER REAL OR IMAGINED MISTREATMENT OF IRIANESE.
HENCE CPNG WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE USG
TAKE STEPS AGAINST INDONESIA RE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS OF
IRIANESE.

5. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WILL BE A PROBLEM OF LONG
DURATION. GIVEN THE POPULATION PRESSURE IN PARTS OF
INDONESIA WE WOULD ASSUME THAT THE TRANSMIGRATION POLICY
WILL BE INTENSIFIED RATHER THAN MODIFIED. AS THE
INDONESIANS HAVE A STRONGER AND MORE DEVELOPED CULTURE
THAN THE IRIANESE, IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY THE IRIANESE
ARE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PUSHED AROUND. IF IN COMING
DECADES OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION, JOBS, AND FOR
RUNNING THEIR OWN COUNTRY APPEAR TO THE IRIANESE TO BE BETTER
ON THE PNG SIDE OF THE BORDER, WE ANTICIPATE LARGE-SCALE BORDER
CROSSINGS, AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY LIKELY IF IRIANESE LOSE THEIR
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LAND TO INDONESIANS.

6. FOR JAKARTA: WE HAVE APPRECIATED BEING ADDRESSEE FOR
YOUR REPORTING ON IRIAN JAYA, AND HOPE THIS WILL CONTINUE.
IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION TO CONFIRM OR CONTRADICT GPNG
VIEWS ABOUT TREATMENT OF IRIANESE, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE IT.

7. FOR DEPT: IF STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUES WITH THE GOI EITHER RE IRIANESE OR OR OTHER GROUPS,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED IN GENERAL TERMS. WE
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING ADDRESSEE ON GENERAL CABLES RE
MILITARY SALES TO INDONESIA.
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